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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2361

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TAGS: OREP (CODEL IPU)

SUBJ: CODEL IPU

REF: STATE 52359; 19181; 53262.

1. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED ROOMS REQUESTED REFTELS AT
HOTEL CEYLON INTERCONTINENTAL. RESERVATIONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5 - REP & MRS. DERWINSHI

MARCH 31 - APRIL 5 - 15 DOUBLES, 10 SINGLES AND 1 CONTROL ROOM
HAVE ASSUMED REQUEST FOR 16 DOUBLES INCLUDES DERWINSKIS
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARRIVE DAY EARLIER. HAVE ARRANGED FOR
ALL ROOMS ON SAME FLOOR.

2. ORIGINAL REQUEST REFTEL B ASKED FOR 26 DOUBLES AND
12 SINGLES. WE HAVE THIS NUMBER ROOMS UNDER RESERVE BUT
SHOULD LET EXTRAS GO BACK TO LOCAL IPU CONTROL AUTHORITIES
ASAP. HOWEVER, ONCE RELEASED, POSSIBILITY GETTING
THEM BACK ALMOST NIL. PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST FINAL NUMBER
ROOMS CODEL IPU WILL REQUIRE SO EXCESS MAY BE RELEASED.

3. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED 12 PEUGEOT SEDANS WITH A/C
(NECESSARY IN COLOMBO, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR)
AND TWO EIGHT-PASSENGER VW MINI-BUSES ALSO WITH A/C.
ALL VEHICLES ARE RELATIVELY NEW. BECAUSE OF LIMITED
FLEET, UNABLE ASSIGN APPROPRIATE EMBASSY VEHICLE TO
CHAIRMAN. TRUST ONE OF NEW PEUGEOTS MENTIONED ABOVE
WILL BE SATISFACTORY.

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4. APPRECIATE KNOWING IF HOTEL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID

BY INDIVIDUALS AND IF EXPENSE MONEY ALREADY ADVANCED.
IF NOT, WILL CODEL NEED INDIVIDUAL PACKETS ON ARRIVAL.
IN THIS CASE, NEED FISCAL DATAM FYI: TDY OFFICIAL
PERSONNEL MAY EXHCHANGE DOLLARS AT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS
FEEC RATE, PRESENTLY 10.51 RUPEES TO ONE DOLLAR. DOES
CODEL DESIRE CHECK CASHING FACILTIES IN CONTROL ROOM?

5. WOULD ALSBDAPPRECIATE KNOWING CODEL NEEDS RE FOLLOWING:

(A) NEWSPAPERS (PARIS EDITION OF HERALD-TRIBUNE USUALLY THREE
OR MORE DAYS LATE AND ONLY AVAILABLE
IN LIMITED NUMBERS).

(B) EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN CONTROL ROOM.

(C) SPECIAL TELEPHONE LINE - EXPECT HOTEL SWITCHBOARD WILL BE
HEAVILY OVERLOADED SINCE OVER ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES WILL
BE HOUSED AT INTERCONTINETAL. EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE
ARRANGE SEPARATE TRUNK LINE INTO CONTROL ROOM IF ABSOLUTEY
NECESSARY. CODEL SHOULD NOTE THAT LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE IS
POOR. COST TO HAVE ONE LINE INSTALLED WOULD BE ON ORDER
\$150-200.

6. IN ORDER MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS AND MEET DEADLINES
GIVE EMBASSY BY HOTEL AND CAR RENTAL SERVICE, MUST HAVE ANSWERS
QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2 AND 5(C) AND KNOW IF VEHICLE ARRANGEMENTS
PARA 3 ARE SATISFACTORY BY FRIDAY, MARCH 14 COLOMBO TIME.

7. FYI: HOURS OF OPERATION EMBASSY COMMO ARE 0800-1700 MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY. SMALL EMBASSY COMMO STAFF CAN HANDLE
REASONABLE INCREASE IN CABLE TRAFFIC BUT IF CODEL EXPECTS VERY
HEAVYINCOMING AND OUTGOING LOAD DURING 24-HOUR PERIOD WE WOULD
HAVE TO REQUEST TDY ASSISTANCE.

8. ESTIMATED EXPENSES AT PRESENT ARE
ROOM (INCLUDING CONTROL ROOM) \$3000
MEALS 2000
TRANSPORTATION (CAR HIRE) 2400
OVERTIME (AMERICAN AND LOCAL) 1000
BUFFET DINNER AT RESIDNECE 800
MISCELLANEOUS 600
TOTAL \$9600
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